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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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AMEMBASSY MASERU

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TAGS: ENRG, EAID, BC

SUBJ: ENERGY: BOTSWANA FUEL CRISIS

REF: STATE 013050

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OFFICE BF PRESIDENT HAS READ TO ME
TEXT OF RSA FOREIGN AFFAIRS TELEX DATED 4 DECEMBER 1973
WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS STATES BOTSWANA SHOULD PUT INTO
FORCE FUEL CONSERVATION MEASURES SIMILAR TO THOSE BEING
INSTIUTED BY SOUTH AFRICA. SINCE SAVINGS OF AT LEAST 25 PERCENT
EXPECTED SA AUTHORITIES WERE TELLING OIL COMPANIES TO REDUCE
DELIVERIES TO BOTSWANA BY THAT AMOUNT. WHILE
STATISTICS HERE ARE FRAGILE PERSONNEL OF THE PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE BELIEVE 30 PERCENT REDUCTION HAS TAKEN PLACE.

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2. BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION HAS EXPERIENCED
DIFFICULTIES IN MOBING MEAT SHIPMENTS TO ZAIRE AND A

MEAT SHIPMENT TO THE UK HAS BEEN HELD AT CAPE TOWN SINCE
ERLY DECEMBER. THE BMC HAS ALSO BEEN WARNED THAT
SHIPPING SPACE WILL BE AT A PREMIUM BEGINNING MARCH AND
THAT FURTHER DIFFICULTIES CAN BE EXPECTED. GOB OFFICIALS
HAVE BEEN TOLD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT BUNKERING WILL
DIO THE FIRST INSTANCE BE LIMITED TO SHIPS CARRYING SA-RELATED
CARGO. AND FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN NEWS-
PAPER STORIES TO THIS EFFECT.

3. EMBASSY GABORONE IS NOT AWARE CRUDE SUPPLY SITUATION
IN SA. WE ARE AWARE THROUGH GOVERNMENT CONTACTS OF IMPACT IN
BOTSWANA. NELSON

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